

# Maryland Historical Trust

## State Historic Sites Inventory Form

### 1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic

and/or common Old Culver Farm (Woodburn Estates)

### 2. Location

street & number Layhill Rd. (next to Indian Springs Country Club)    not for publicationcity, town Layhill    vicinity of    congressional district 13thstate Maryland county Montgomery

### 3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
<u>  </u> district	<u>  </u> public	<u>  </u> occupied	<u>  </u> agriculture	<u>  </u> museum
<u>  </u> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<u>  </u> unoccupied	<u>  </u> commercial	<u>  </u> park
<u>  </u> structure	<u>  </u> both	<u>  </u> work in progress	<u>  </u> educational	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
<u>  </u> site	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<u>  </u> entertainment	<u>  </u> religious
<u>  </u> object	<u>  </u> in process	<u>  </u> yes: restricted	<u>  </u> government	<u>  </u> scientific
	<u>  </u> being considered	<u>  </u> yes: unrestricted	<u>  </u> industrial	<u>  </u> transportation
	<u>  </u> not applicable	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no	<u>  </u> military	<u>  </u> other:

### 4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Raymond McGarveystreet & number 7609 Edenwood Ct. telephone no.:   city, town Bethesda state and zip code Maryland, 20034

### 5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Mont. Co. Courthouse liber 1031street & number    folio 443city, town Rockville state Maryland

### 6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title MNCPPC Historic Sites Inventorydate 1976    federal ☒ state ☒ county    local   depository for survey records Park Historian's Officecity, town Rockville state Maryland

# 7 DESCRIPTION

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## CONDITION

☒ EXCELLENT  
☒ GOOD  
☐ FAIR

☐ DETERIORATED  
☐ RUINS  
☐ UNEXPOSED

## CHECK ONE

☒ UNALTERED  
☒ ALTERED

## CHECK ONE

☒ ORIGINAL SITE  
☐ MOVED DATE \_\_\_\_\_

### DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

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CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

# 8. Significance

Survey No.

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates

Builder/Architect

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D  
and/or

Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☐ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

The Culver farmhouse, though drastically altered, is significant as an example of rural vernacular architecture typical of that constructed in Montgomery County from the mid-nineteenth through the early twentieth centuries. The house was probably built for Catherine Whelan sometime between 1879 and 1894.<sup>1</sup> Catherine's house was built on land that she received as the spinster daughter and only child of Nicholas and Ann Whelan. Ann had purchased the land (153 1/4 acres) in March of 1831 through the division of the real estate of the late John Connelly for \$1,527.81.<sup>3</sup> (The map of 1865 shows a house on the site belonging to Kitty Ann Whelan). After Catherine's death, the house became the property of the heirs of her cousin, Thomas Connelly (to whom she had willed the property), Susan Beall and Mary Jane Welsh.<sup>4</sup> Susan died a widow in 1895 leaving Clarence, her son, as her only heir at law.

Mary Jane Welsh and Clarence Beall sold the farm (225.31 acres) in November of 1908 to Don M. Carr.<sup>5</sup> Carr sold it in July of 1914 to Edward and Anna Kahlert after which time the house passed through a succession of owners.<sup>6</sup> The owner of the house in 1928, Clifford Allen, defaulted on the mortgage and the house was sold by a court appointed trustee. It was then advertised as 225.31 acres on the Norwood Pike between Glenmont and Layhill. The improvements consisted of a frame dwelling of 12 or 14 rooms with "modern improvements," three barns, two tenant houses, garage, chicken house and other outbuildings.<sup>7</sup> The property was purchased by Francis J. Buchanan in September of 1929.<sup>8</sup> Following Francis' death, the property was sold to Helen McGarvey Saul, of McGarvey Real Estate and McGarvey Enterprises (owner of the Daily Double Bingo Parlor in Laurel, Md.), in September of 1946. Helen died in 1975 and the property was willed to her nephew, Raymond McGarvey, the personal representative of her estate.<sup>10</sup>

Due to remodeling which Mrs. Saul had done, the house has lost much of its architectural integrity. These alterations included putting the cement-stone veneer on the house, along with the two story portico supported by large columns, and the enlargement of the windows on the facade. However, an interesting frame barn, more elaborate than most found in the county and in good condition, is located near the house.

## 9. Major Bibliographical References

Survey No. M:31-1

Mont. Co. Land Records  
Mont. Co. Judgement records  
Mont. Co. Register of Wills

## 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property 96.26 acres

Quadrangle name \_\_\_\_\_

Quadrangle scale \_\_\_\_\_

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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Verbal boundary description and justification

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
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## 11. Form Prepared By

name/title Catherine Crawford

organization M.C. Hist. Preservation Comm.

date 1/83

street &amp; number

telephone

city or town Rockville

state Maryland

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

return to: Maryland Historical Trust  
Shaw House  
21 State Circle  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
(301) 269-2438

## Footnotes:

<sup>1</sup>The date given is based on the fact that the house does not appear on the 1878 map but does appear on the 1894 map.

<sup>2</sup>Will GCD 2/198, Mont. Co. Register of Wills.

<sup>3</sup>Deed BS 4/271, Mont. Co. Land Records.

<sup>4</sup>Deed JA 44/197, " "

<sup>5</sup>Deed 200/383, " "

<sup>6</sup>Deed 242/459, " "

<sup>7</sup>Equity #5268, 39/405, Mont. Co. Judgement Records.

<sup>8</sup>Deed 492/7, Mont. Co. Land Records.

<sup>9</sup>Deed 1031/443 " "

<sup>10</sup>5224/83, " "

## INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

Old Culver Farm

AND/OR COMMON

"Woodburn Estates"

**2 LOCATION**

STREET &amp; NUMBER

Layhill Road, next to Indian Springs Country Club

CITY, TOWN

Layhill

VICINITY OF

(Silver Spring P.O.)

STATE

Maryland

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

COUNTY

Montgomery

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

## CATEGORY

☒ DISTRICT  
☒ BUILDING(S)  
☐ STRUCTURE  
☐ SITE  
☐ OBJECT

## OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC  
☒ PRIVATE  
☐ BOTH

## PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS  
☐ BEING CONSIDERED

## STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED  
☐ UNOCCUPIED  
☐ WORK IN PROGRESS

## ACCESSIBLE

☐ YES: RESTRICTED  
☒ YES: UNRESTRICTED  
☒ NO

## PRESENT USE

☒ AGRICULTURE  
☐ COMMERCIAL  
☐ EDUCATIONAL  
☐ ENTERTAINMENT  
☐ GOVERNMENT  
☐ INDUSTRIAL  
☐ MILITARY  
☐ MUSEUM  
☐ PARK  
☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE  
☐ RELIGIOUS  
☐ SCIENTIFIC  
☐ TRANSPORTATION  
☐ OTHER:

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Mrs. Saul

Telephone #:

STREET &amp; NUMBER

Woodburn Estates

CITY, TOWN

Silver Spring

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code  
Maryland**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Montgomery County Courthouse

Liber #:

Folio #:

STREET &amp; NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Rockville

STATE

Maryland

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

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STATE

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# 8 SIGNIFICANCE

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## PERIOD

## AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW

<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This was the Culver family farm in the 19th Century. The Culvers had settled south of here, along the Northwest Branch in the early 1700's. The present owner, Mrs. Saul, is a well-known businessperson and churchwoman.

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# 9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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## 10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY \_\_\_\_\_

### VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

## 11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Michael F. Dwyer, Senior Park Historian

ORGANIZATION

M-NCPPC

DATE

4/22/74

STREET & NUMBER

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TELEPHONE

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NAME #31-1 CULVER FARM (SAUL ESTATE) M: 31-1  
LOCATION LAYHILL RD., LAYHILL, MD. (MONT. CO.)  
FACADE NW  
PHOTO TAKEN 4/22/74 M. DEWEYER